

## NEW BATTLESHIPS TO HAVE NO GUNS, EXPERTS DECLARE

Maximite Will Make Torpedoes Principal Weapons of Offense.

"Torpedo battleships," carrying neither guns, turrets, armored barbettes nor weapons of offense of any character save torpedoes, are contemplated for the navy in the near future.

If the idea now under discussion by officials of the Navy Department are fulfilled, the navies of the world will undergo as great a revolution as was caused by the appearance in Hampton Roads of the Monitor and the Merrimack.

Battleships will carry no other weapons than torpedoes, and their equipment of torpedo tubes will constitute the sole means of attack. They will, on the other hand, be armored to the extreme, particularly on the way line, all the weight now put in armament being transposed to armor designed to repel torpedoes.

### Torpedoes More Powerful.

Recent improvements in the effectiveness of torpedoes as a means of attack has brought about this plan. It is agreed that, with torpedoes of high velocity, accuracy, and wide range, battleships of the future must be so constructed as to utilize as well as to repel these powerful weapons.

"Maximite," a new discovery so far as the propulsion of torpedoes is concerned, and its vast possibilities when used for that purpose, will be responsible for the change.

It is claimed for this substance that it will give torpedoes remarkable speed, or more properly, velocity, and a range of from 10,000 to 12,000 yards. This would make useless the secondary, or torpedo defense batteries, on the new modern warships. The three-inch guns used in the past have not sufficient range even now, to successfully repel a torpedo attack. In view of this fact, it has been practically decided by the general board of the navy, the board on construction and other designers of naval vessels that all ships of the future must have much heavier secondary batteries.

### Accuracy Insured.

If the claims of maximite are realized, the "torpedo battleship" can fire broadsides of torpedoes at high velocity with a range that would make useless the famed Dreadnought. The high velocity will insure accuracy, and the powerful missiles charged with high explosives will blow up any vessel with which they come in contact.

These torpedo battleships will be extremely heavily armored, particularly on the water line, and will develop high speed, if possible thirty knots an hour or more—a speed that will put them on a par with the swift little torpedo vessels of today.

Destroyers will probably become obsolete when this degree of perfection is reached, and there will be but two classes of vessels, the open sea fighters, and the floating fortresses, designed for offensive battle against land fortifications and those of a similar type for coast defense. The little submarine will become the terror of the seas.

### Maximite's Power.

This discussion has been stimulated by the announcement of the perfection of maximite a species of slow-burning, smokeless powder, the gas from which, it is claimed, will propel torpedoes at rapid rate, with accurate aim from ten to twelve hundred yards.

Commander Simpson, U. S. N., was yesterday ordered to take command of the old cruiser Montgomery, which has just been refitted at the League Island navy yard as a torpedo practice ship. The vessel is fitted with above water and submerged tubes and will be used for experimental purposes and for the training of men in the use of torpedoes and their firing.

Particular attention will be paid to torpedo marksmanship, and it is probable the Montgomery will participate in the maneuvers to be held in Chesapeake bay the coming summer.

## COMMANDER MARVELL AT PORT AU PRINCE

Advises were received at the State and Navy Departments yesterday from Commander Marvell, on board the gunboat Eagle, saying that he had left Port au Prince Friday morning and St. Marc, Haiti, Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and the situation there was not grave. The Eagle sailed for Guantanamo for provisions and coal. It is expected she will return immediately to St. Marc, which is in the hands of the revolutionists, and is to be bombarded by the government forces.

Commander Marvell said that all was quiet at St. Marc, that the revolutionists had landed there and were guarding the legations. There is much speculation over possible American interference, as there are large American interests in the island.

Minister Leger stated on a visit to the State Department yesterday that the government had four gunboats and was fully able to cope with the situation.

## MICHIGAN GUN FORCES INCREASED FOR EXPERIMENT

Experiments are being conducted by the War Department to determine the best working size of machine gun detachments in the army. In the past a platoon of infantry was detailed as a machine gun detachment, and after consideration by the general staff it was thought advisable to have a larger force for these weapons.

The provisional companies will be formed at the Presidio of Monterey, Cal.

## NAVAL TUG SIOUX ON ROCKS.

Rear Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, yesterday received a dispatch from the commandant of the Second naval district confirming the report that the naval tug Sioux struck a rock in Narragansett Bay and was aground. The dispatch stated further that the Scott Wrecking Com-

# BOLD CARDS TELL IT; DON'T DODGE! SAVE NICKELS FOR CHARITY BEGGARS



MRS. J. C. BURROWS.

## Campaign for Junior Republic Fund Will Cover the City.

They have even captured the street car companies, and in a few days there will be cards glaring at you and telling you all about it.

Go to the matinee next Thursday or Friday and you'll find them a feature of the bill—in the lobby.

Eat your luncheon where you will, January 22 and 24, and it will cost you just 5 cents more than you bargained to pay—for they will be standing right near the cashier, and you just can't help seeing the fascinating "beggars."

There was a meeting yesterday in the Arlington Hotel, where some of the most energetic workers in the National Junior Republic talked over plans for the collection the Woman's League will make next Thursday and Friday throughout the shops, banks, and hotels of the city. Officeholders, merchants, and professional business men need not think that they can escape these willing workers by getting to their respective offices a half hour or so before the prescribed hour of 9 o'clock. Nothing like it! Everybody in the league will be up bright and early those mornings, and will be at their pretty little stands long before the officeholder has finished his breakfast. They will take time by the forelock to wreak their sweet vengeance upon the pocketbooks of the multitude.

### Ready for Everybody.

Neither need anybody who is out shopping these two days hope to escape the pleading looks of this little band of beggars by shooting in a side door of a department store. The league membership is long, and the Junior League has come to the assistance of their elders, and provision has been made to stop up every entrance to every department store, bank building, and hotel that day. The only way you can get away from them will be to climb through a window or drop through a cellar door—and that would cost more, anyway.

Commissioner Macfarland is heartily in favor of the unique methods which the Woman's League has adopted to collect funds for the Junior Republic, and Mrs. Mary Lockwood, chairman of the committee of arrangements, received the following letter from him today:

"My Dear Mrs. Lockwood: My recent visit to the National Junior Republic at Annapolis Junction, maintained by public-spirited citizens of Washington and Baltimore, increased my interest in that admirable enterprise which has given full justification to its contributors. A visit from any Washingtonian would be appreciated by the management, and every visitor will come away, as I did, more impressed by the necessity for the good work which is being done there. I trust that the present effort to secure the necessary funds for the maintenance of the National Junior Republic may be abundantly successful.

"Sincerely yours,

"HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND."

### List of Committees.

The following committees were appointed to complete details for the collection:

Committee of arrangements—Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Ramsay, Mrs. Ackert, Miss Richards, Miss Solomons, Mrs. Rainey, Mrs. Corson.

Committee on buildings—Mrs. C. H. Ackert, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ramsay, Miss Richards, Miss Solomons.

Press committee—Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Ramsay, Mrs. McLaughlin, Miss Solomons, Miss Janet Richards.

Finance committee—Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. McNabb, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Merwin.

Printing committee—Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Vandegrift.

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## MARINE BAND CONCERT TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The Marine Band Orchestra will give a concert at the United States Marine barracks tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. William H. Santelmann will be the leader.

The program follows:  
March—"Flag of Victory".....Von Blon  
Overture—"William Tell".....Rossini  
Cavatina.....Raff  
Excerpts from "The Flying Dutchman".....Wagner  
Waltz—"Badner Madl'n".....Konizak  
Nocturne—"Monastery Bells".....Lefebure-Wely  
March—"Military Symphony".....Haydn  
Galan—"Sturmisch in Lieb und Traur".....Strauss

## Crusade on Pool Rooms Led by the Rev. Mr. Copp

Washington's Anthony Comstock Finds Many  
Objectionable Features Connected  
With "Club Parlors."

The Rev. Zed Hetzel Copp, Washington's Anthony Comstock and moral mentor, last night made a tour of the pool rooms of the city, with a view of determining their objectionable and undesirable features, if any, and the necessity for legislation touching on and appertaining to these seemingly harmless places of diversion and amusement.

Mr. Copp is superintendent of the citizenship department of the District Union Christian Endeavor, and his investigation last evening was from a citizenship standpoint. After the excursion Mr. Copp said:

"There are many features of the pool rooms which are undesirable. The club pool room, which is open day and night and Sunday, is bad, for many reasons. The doors are locked and bolted, and no outsider can get in except with a card. What amount of drinking or gambling goes on within some of these places can only be told by those on the inside. If the places are operated on clean, healthy, and pleasurable lines, why are the doors barred and bolted?"

### Contiguous Saloons Bad.

"The contiguity of saloons is also a bad feature. Drinking leads to pool and pool leads to drinking. Some legislation should be enacted to close the opening between the saloon and the adjoining pool room.

"There is no age limit obtaining in pool rooms. Boys of any age are found in these places. I have seen boys whose chins barely cleared the railing of the tables struggling to wield a cue. There is ample room and provision in Washington for clean amusement for boys, and something should be done to keep them out of these places."

Mr. Copp was accompanied for the first hour of his tour by Detectives Johnston and Owens, of the First precinct. He visited all the pool rooms in the downtown section. The genial investigator modestly declined several cordial invitations to play a game or two of pool in the overcrowded, ill-ventilated places.

He was especially impressed with the Maryland Pleasure Club, 3005 Pennsylvania avenue, where a talkative young man held the door open and extended Mr. Copp and the "cops" an invitation to get out and stay out. This young man would answer no questions. Although he appeared quite bossy, he referred his interrogators to "de boss."

### Face at the Window.

Outside the club Mr. Copp questioned a number of lads in short breeches as

to whether or not they frequented the club. A glance at the second floor window of the club disclosed the fact that the very talkative young man had his nose pressed hard against the panes of glass and was shaking his fist threateningly at the man on the street. This sphynx-making fist shaking thwarted Mr. Copp's plan to learn anything relative to the operation of the club.

The tireless crusader did not care especially for those places wherein 2½ cents checks are given the players after every game. These checks, it was learned, can be spent as money for drinks. Second floor pool rooms did not appeal favorably to Mr. Copp either, it being his belief that they should be located on the first floor, away from saloons and without partitions or portieres in order that what goes on in them may be seen by any passerby.

Sergeant Murphy, of the Sixth district, also escorted Mr. Copp through a number of places, but nothing very objectionable could be found.

## STEAMSHIP MEN KICK AGAINST MANY FEET

Representatives of the leading steamship lines carrying passengers across the Atlantic appeared before the joint immigration commission yesterday for the purpose of getting the commission to exert its efforts with Congress to modify section 42 of the immigration law of last session, which provides the number of cubic feet and the number of superficial feet of space that must be allowed to each passenger by the steamship companies.

T. S. Franklin, of New York, appeared for a number of the leading steamship lines, and Thorndike Spalding, of Boston, appeared for the White Star line. They urged that this Government ought to be satisfied with restrictions similar to those imposed by the British board of trade, which are considerably less stringent than those imposed by the immigration law of this country.

### COAST TARGET PRACTICE.

Orders were issued by the War Department yesterday governing target practice for the coast defense fortifications, and prescribing the annual allowance of ammunition for such practice.

## Bon Marche The Lowest Prices of the Great Suit Sale Arranged for Monday

OPENS ----- 8:30

CLOSES ----- 5:30

## Early Spring Millinery

We are showing the newest Spring Hats in Net  
Straw and Hair Brail trimmed in flowers, net bows,  
etc. Also the new tailor made Hats. \$5.00 to \$12.50



## This Muslin Underwear Arrived Too Late for the Big Sale: Must Sell Cheaper Now

A big lot of the Muslin Underwear bought for the annual sale and delayed in transit was opened yesterday and we concluded to mark it at exceptionally low prices in order to reduce stock before inventory.

24c for 39c and 50c Garments

Lot of Cambric and Nainsook garments, drawers extra full cut, umbrella ruffled wide hem, stitching and lace insertion. Corset Covers with deep Valenciennes lace yokes and beading; chemise short skirts, with wide ruffles. Garments worth 25c and 50c.

49c for 75c Petticoats

50 dozen Cambric Long Petticoats with wide umbrella flounce, tucks, and wide hem; was 75c special.

44c for Extra Good Gowns

Muslin Gowns, yokes of fine tucks, embroidered ruffle neck and sleeves, all sizes, extra lengths. Special at 44c.

97c for \$1.50 Garments

Lot of fine Nainsook and longcloth garments. In the lot are chemise gowns, high and V-necks, some with wide Japanese sleeve, combination garments trimmed with fine lace, embroidery, and baby ribbon. Skirts with deep embroidery ruffles; others lace trimmed; garments worth up to \$1.50.

\$1.49 for \$2.00 and \$2.50 Petticoats

Special lot of fine Cambric Skirts, one style with circular flounce of Val lace; others with deep flounces of Anglaise embroidery inserting above, and other brands and styles; skirts worth \$2.00 and \$2.50.

49c for \$1.00 Corset Covers

10 styles of fine Nainsook Corset Covers, some with deep lace yokes, front and back; others trimmed with medallions and fine lace, and still other styles—one handsomer than the other; worth up to \$1.00.

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## GOVERNMENT PLANS TO "BUST" MERGER

Special Counsel Coming to  
Washington to Prepare  
Harriman Prosecution.

The Federal Government's suit to dissolve the alleged illegal combination between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads will be begun within a few days.

C. A. Severance, special counsel in charge of the case, whose unexpected absence in Europe has delayed action, has notified the Attorney General of his arrival in New York. He hopes to be in Washington by Tuesday, when the final proofs of the bill in equity will be gone over.

The present intention of the Government is to file the papers in the United States circuit court at Salt Lake City.

## T. J. ENRIGHT A BENEDICT; SURPRISE TO FRIENDS

Announcement is made of the marriage at Rockville yesterday of J. T. Enright, assistant in the stationery room at the Senate, and Miss Louise W. Holbruner, Mr. Enright is from East St. Louis and is well known at the Capitol. His wedding was a great surprise to his friends in Washington.

## Schools and Colleges.

## NEW LAW

The new law passed by Congress forbidding railroad operators working more than nine hours a day has created a demand for about 30,000 more telegraph operators than can now be secured. Railroad wires are cut into the telegraph department of the War Department.

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